

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 98-100 and 102-160 was appealed. The Board affirmed the rejection of claims 98, 99, 102-109, 111, 113, 114, 115, 132-134, 159-160. The Board reversed the rejection of claims 100, 110, 112, 116-120, 121-131, and 135-158. (Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's listing of reversed claims with respect to claims 119-120, as these claims were in fact reversed as well¹, but left out of the Board's own summary listing, all as pointed out by Applicant in Errata document filed with the Board on 2/24/2012, a copy of which is attached for reference.)

By this amendment Claims 98, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 135 and 146 are amended to put them into condition for allowance after appeal; claims 99-100, 102-109, 111, 113-115, 132-134 and 159-160 are cancelled without prejudice from the case. It is to be noted that while claim 100 was reversed and not claim 98, it is believed to be better form to amend claim 98 to include the limitations of claim 100 and intervening claim 99. This is what has been done. Applicant reserves the right to further pursue any of the claims of the case in continuing applications. These amendments add no new matter to the application. Support can be found generally throughout the application and drawings as originally filed, and expressly in the claims on appeal.

¹ "The rejection of claim 119, and claims 120, dependent thereon, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aihara, Official Notice I-II, and Strait is reversed." BPAI Decision 1/25/12

Applicant believes that it has responded fully to all of the concerns expressed by the Examiner in the post appeal Action, and respectfully requests entry of the amendments presented herewith and an early Notice of Allowance on the case. If the Examiner has any further concerns, Applicant requests a call to Applicant's attorney, Patrick Dwyer, at (206) 550-4049.

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